

REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on July 7, 2004 and the Office Action mailed on March 30, 2004, Applicants have canceled claims 8, 9, and 15-39 and have amended claim 9. Applicants note with appreciation the Office's indication that claim 40 is allowable and that claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

The Office has rejected claims 1, 4-8, 10-20, 23-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent Application Publication 2002/0009016 A1 to Ancona et al. (Ancona) in view of US Design Patent No. 386,941 Barker (Barker) and claims 2-3 and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ancona in view of Barker and further in view of US Design Patent No. 4,588,004 to Herbert (Herbert). The Office has also asserted that claim 40 is allowed and claim 9 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, in view of the Office's indication that dependent claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicant has amended claim 1 to substantially incorporate the subject matter of claims 8 and 9 and has canceled claims 8, 9, and 15-39. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and objection.

Accordingly, in view of all of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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